

Course Outline Gospel of John BI601DE

Learning objectives: BI801DE

- Course description: This course will study the Gospel of John, the letters of John, and the book of Revelation. Students will learn some fundamental principals of biblical interpretation. Then, these principals will be used to explore the Johannine texts, with special attention paid to the Gospel of John. As a course for the continuing education of Catholic Deacons, special attention will be paid to the liturgical and homiletic import of the scriptural texts.
- Course objectives:
 - After taking this course, students will:
 - Gain an understanding of the historical critical method and be asked to apply it to the scriptural text.
 - Be able to analyze a text and be able to interpret it for a modern audience.
 - Be able to give meaningful reflections on the text of John's Gospel while being true to the original meaning of the text.
 - See how the Johannine literature fits into the canon of scripture.
- Methodology / requirements:
 - There will be a mid-term exam, especially focusing on principles of interpretation and the historical background of the Gospel of John.
 - There will be three written assignments where students will prepare a homily based upon assigned texts.
 - There will be a final exam where students will be asked to explain issues arising from the Gospel text.

Course Layout

Module	Topic of Discussion Online Lecture	Student Assignment			
		Readings from Textbook or Online Sources (include URL for sources)	Student Assignment – Written document upload or Activity journal entry	Online Forum Discussion	Online Quiz (one or two quizzes during the semester)
1	Course introduction. Overview of the Historical Critical Method	<i>Dei Verbum</i> chapter 3: 11-13		Teleconference Call	

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	Overview of the nature and purpose of the homily	<i>Interpretation of the Bible in the Church</i> , especially part I: A-F <i>Preaching the Mystery of Faith.</i>			
2	Gospel of John Background and History, pt 1	<i>Introduction to the Gospel of John</i> : Preface, 1,2,3,5			
3	Gospel of John Background and History, pt 2	<i>Intro</i> : 5,6,8			
4	Prologue of John's gospel	Exegesis handout, sacrament handout Jn 1:1-1:19			Quiz 1
5	Book of Signs pt 1 &2	<i>Intro</i> : 9 Jn 1:19-4	Lenten Homily for First Scrutiny: Jn 4:5-42	Teleconference Call	
6	Book of Signs pt 3	Jn 5-10			
7	Book of Signs pt 4	Jn 11-12			Quiz 2
8	Book of Glory pt 1	Jn 13-15	Homily for Holy Thursday Jn 13:1-15 (please read the Roman Missal concerning the Homily)		
9	Book of Glory pt 2	<i>Intro</i> : 7 Jn 16-17 Romans ch 8.			
10	The Death of the Messiah	Jn 18-19			

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11	Resurrection	Jn 20-21	Easter Sunday Homily Jn 20:1-9	Teleconference Call	
12	Letters of John The Book of Revelation	1 Jn; 2 Jn; 3 Jn; Revelation <i>The Lamb's Supper</i>			
Final Exam			Final Paper Uploaded		Online Exam

Required textbooks: Gospel of John BI801DE

- *The Gospel of John; Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*. Eds. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2012.
- Raymond Brown, S.S. *An Introduction to the Gospel of John*. Ed. Francis J. Maloney. New York: Doubleday, 2003.
- Scott Hahn. *The Lamb's Supper*. New York: Doubleday, 1999.

Official Church Documents:

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- *Dei Verbum*. 18 November 1965. Vatican: Holy See, <http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_lt.html>.

Recommended:

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- Brown, Raymond E., S.S., Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., Roland Murphy, O.Carm., *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary*. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 1990.
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- Maloney, Francis J., S.D.B. *The Gospel of John*. Ed. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. Vol. 4. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press: A Michael Glazier Book, 1998.
- Martin, Francis and William Wright IV, *The Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2015
- Mussner, Franz. *The Historical Jesus in the Gospel of St John*. New York: Herder and Herder, 1967.

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